

Message to American Citizens

SUBMIT YOUR REGISTRATION AND BALLOT REQUEST FORM FOR UPCOMING 2012 PRIMARIES

There is approximately one (1) month remaining before Primary Elections commence in the United States. If you are an overseas voter and intend to vote in these elections, it is essential that you are proactive in submitting your absentee ballot. Check the attached list to see upcoming election dates in each state.

If you wish to vote in the upcoming State and Federal elections while you are abroad and have not yet registered to vote or requested an absentee ballot, you need to submit your Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) **NOW** to ensure you have the opportunity to vote. You can find your state voting instructions at www.fvap.gov or you may call the ACS unit between 1-3pm on weekdays or email votepap@state.gov to receive guidance.

Be sure to include a phone and/or fax number and an email address on your absentee ballot application in case your local election official needs to contact you. Many States allow you to submit your form electronically, deliver your ballot electronically or provide online ballot access. Go to www.fvap.org or your State's election website to see how you can return your form. You can find your State's website at FVAP's web portal: <http://www.fvap.gov/reference/links.html>.

To find out the status of your registration/absentee ballot request, contact your local election office at <http://www.fvap.gov/shortcuts/wheresendfpca.html>, or visit your State website.

The Federal Write-in Absentee Ballot (FWAB) is a backup ballot. If 30 days before the election you think you will not receive your State ballot in time to vote and return it, vote with the FWAB! Go to FVAP.gov to get started. You may also submit the FWAB any time after submitting an FPCA.

The ACS unit will accept completed state absentee ballots for transmittal to the United States. Voters may also use an expedited shipper such as DHL or FedEx to send their completed ballot directly to their local election authority. The US Embassy offers no assurance of the quality of service provided by DHL or FedEx.

For questions regarding overseas voting please contact the American Citizen Services unit by telephone at 2229-8000 or by email at votepap@state.gov.

2012 Primary Elections by State

JANUARY

New Hampshire- 10 (P)
South Carolina- January 21 (P)
Florida- January 31 (P)

FEBRUARY

Missouri- February 7 (P)
Wisconsin- February 21 (P)
Arizona- February 28 (P)
Michigan- February 28 (P)

MARCH

Georgia- March 6 (P)
Massachusetts- March 6 (P)
Ohio- March 6 (P, S)
Oklahoma- March 6 (P)
Tennessee- March 6 (P)
Texas- March 6 (P, S)
Vermont- March 6 (P)
Virginia- March 6 (P)
Alabama- March 13 (P, S)
Mississippi- March 13 (P, S)
Illinois- March 20 (P, S)
Louisiana- March 24 (P, S)

APRIL

District of Columbia- April 3 (P, S)
Maryland- April 3 (P, S)
Mississippi- April 3 (R)
Alabama- April 24 (R)
Connecticut- April 24 (P)
Delaware- April 24 (P)
New York- April 24 (P)
Pennsylvania - April 24 (P, S)
Rhode Island- April 24 (P)

MAY

Indiana - May 8 (P, S)
North Carolina - May 8 (P, S)
West Virginia - May 8 (P, S)
Idaho - May 15 (P, S)
Nebraska - May 15 (P, S)
Oregon - May 15 (P, S)
Arkansas - May 22(P, S)
Kentucky - May 22 (P, S)
Texas - May 22 (R)

JUNE

California - June 5 (P, S)
Iowa - June 5 (S)
Montana - June 5 (P, S)
New Jersey - June 5 (P, S)
New Mexico - June 5 (S)
South Dakota - June 5 (P, S)
Arkansas - June 12(R)
Maine - June 12 (S)
Nevada - June 12 (S)
North Dakota - June 12 (S)
South Carolina - June 12 (S)
Virginia - June 12 (S)
South Dakota - June 19(R)
Colorado- June 26 (S)
Oklahoma- June 26 (S)
South Carolina - June 26 (R)
Utah - June 26 (S)

JULY

North Carolina - July 17 (R)
Georgia - July 31 (S)

AUGUST

Tennessee - August 2 (S)
Kansas - August 7 (S)
Michigan - August 7 (S)
Missouri - August 7 (S)
Washington - August 7 (S)
Hawaii - August 11 (S)
Connecticut - August 14 (S)
Florida - August 14 (S)
Minnesota - August 14 (S)
Georgia- August 21 (R)
Wyoming - August 21 (S)
Alaska - August 28 (S)
Arizona - August 28 (S)
Oklahoma- August 28 (R)
Vermont - August 28 (S)

SEPTEMBER

Guam - September 1 (S)
Delaware - September 11 (S)
New Hampshire - September 11 (S)
New York - September 11 (S)
Rhode Island - September 11 (S)
Virgin Islands - September 11 (S)
Wisconsin - September 11 (S)
Massachusetts - September 18 (S)

OCT - NOV- DEC

No Primaries Scheduled

Legend

P- Presidential Preference Primary

S- State Primary

R- Runoff Primary